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11 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

SUBJECT : Issuance of Tear Gas

1. This memorandum is for information only unless you wish to change some of the procedures outlined herein.

2. As agreed with you recently, when TSD is requested to issue tear gas which we may have on hand or in stock for use in an operation, such issuance will be made upon receipt of a written request approved by you. Since some forms of tear gas are available in the open market to the casual purchaser, these controls will, of course, apply only to the types of tear gas available from TSD.

3. The Office of Security recently experienced some difficulty in obtaining 32 CS tear gas grenades from the DOD since they are not as yet generally available as standard issue. The assistance of TSD was requested, and we have obtained this material for them. The grenades are being turned over to the Physical Security Division/OS.

4. Since this was not an instance where tear gas was being issued by TSD to a case officer for use in an operation, I did not require the Office of Security to obtain your approval when they asked us to help them obtain this material. If this is not in accordance with your wishes, please let me know.

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